

Minutes of January 10, 2011

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of January 13th were accepted as prepared.

Tim Newman of the Technology appeared before the Board to recap the proposed WireWest Public Cooperative Network agreement. Mr. Newman would like the Town to join the co-op and be a charter Town. He advised that Egremont has already joined and Monterey will be voting within 6 weeks. Mr. Newman stated that not all 47 towns have to join. Once a few towns have adopted the agreement then the co-op board will be developed, also that there will be a fee estimated to be about \$1,000.00. Mr. Newman advises that the benefit to the town is that fiber-optic would be available to anyone in town (businesses and residents). Mr. Newman also mentions that raising money is going to be the biggest challenge for the group and that there are many hurdles that they are working on. Mr. Newman would like a decision on when the Town would have a Special Town Meeting to adopt the agreement. The Board will inform Mr. Newman with the decision soon.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant